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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Phan et al.
Appl. No. : 10/087,549
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For : METHODS FOR DECREASING
NON-SPECIFIC BINDING OF
BEADS IN DUAL BEAD
ASSAYS INCLUDING RELATED
OPTICAL BIODISCS AND DISC
DRIVE SYSTEMS
Examiner : Diana B. Johannsen
Group Art Unit : 1634

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on April 27, 2004 in connection with the above identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application in view of the following claim amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.